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DBQ PARAGRAPH REMINDERS

Use this checklist to mark off each requirement for each paragraph. *You will turn this in when you finish your draft*

INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH

- ☐ **Hook** (An interesting fact, question, statement to hook your reader)
- ☐ **Background Information** (What is important information the reader should know before reading your paper)
- ☐ **Thesis Statement** (In your packet)

BODY PARAGRAPH 1

- ☐ **Topic Sentence** (States the main idea of your paragraph)
- ☐ **Two Quotes/Examples** (Evidence that supports your main idea)
- ☐ **Explanation Sentences** (Explain how your evidence/quote/example supports prove your topic sentence)
- ☐ **Citations** (Parentheses that state the name of the source your quote or example is from)
- ☐ **Conclusion Sentence** (Summarizes the main idea of your paragraph)

BODY PARAGRAPH 2

- ☐ **Topic Sentence** (States the main idea of your paragraph)
- ☐ **Two Quotes/Examples** (Evidence that supports your main idea)
- ☐ **Explanation Sentences** (Explain how your evidence/quote/example supports prove your topic sentence)
- ☐ **Citations** (Parentheses that state the name of the source your quote or example is from)
- ☐ **Conclusion Sentence** (Summarizes the main idea of your paragraph)

BODY PARAGRAPH 3

- ☐ **Topic Sentence** (States the main idea of your paragraph)
- ☐ **Two Quotes/Examples** (Evidence that supports your main idea)
- ☐ **Explanation Sentences** (Explain how your evidence/quote/example supports prove your topic sentence)
- ☐ **Citations** (Parentheses that state the name of the source your quote or example is from)
- ☐ **Conclusion Sentence** (Summarizes the main idea of your paragraph)

CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

- ☐ **Re-state** the main argument of your paragraph
- ☐ **The Big So What** (Why is this important for readers to know and believe—you're last chance to persuade them!)